

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently amended) A method ~~characterized in that~~ of preventing or treating an infection with a nodavirus or an outbreak of a disease caused by an infection with a nodavirus ~~or said disease is prevented or treated by~~ in fish, comprising administering fish with an aquabirnavirus to the fish.

2. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said disease is viral nervous necrosis.

3. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the administering of said aquabirnavirus is administered by injection or ~~through an oral route~~ orally.

4. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~[[to 3]]~~ or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the administering of said aquabirnavirus is ~~administered orally by oral and comprises~~ dipping the fish in a

solution containing said aquabirnavirus or feeding the fish ~~is fed~~ with a feed with said aquabirnavirus mixed therewith.

5. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~[[to 3]]~~ or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the administering of said aquabirnavirus is ~~administered~~ by injection containing said aquabirnavirus at a rate of 10^7 TCID₅₀ to 10^8 TCID₅₀ per millimeter of the injection, or by supplying a feed containing said aquabirnavirus at a rate of 10^7 TCID₅₀ to 10^8 TCID₅₀ per milligram of the feed, or by dipping the fish in a solution containing said aquabirnavirus at a rate of 10^5 TCID₅₀ to 10^6 TCID₅₀ per millimeter of the solution.